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Evers calls for compromise

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers issued a statement today calling for compromise on Gov. Walker's budget adjustment bill.

"Now is the time for compromise to move Wisconsin forward. The table has been set for a compromise that has the Legislature implementing benefit and retirement concessions to help fix the budget, while Wisconsin preserves long-standing bargaining rights.

"These immediate wage cuts for state and local public employees, supported by union leaders, provide the savings Governor Walker's budget repair bill seeks. Let's get this done.

"We need to make tough decisions, but we must be careful not to abandon fairness and a sense of decency. We need to strengthen relationships among educators and school leaders to implement current innovations around teacher compensation, evaluation, and improvement. Together, we can tackle these budget problems, grow our economy, and improve our strong public school system without doing permanent harm to long-standing rights."

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